

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established – 1863

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Joseph E Strickland - Bishop
201 N. Vale St. Jefferson, TX 75657
Phone: 903-665-2869

Welcome Everyone to Praise and Glorify the Lord.



Love your enemies

Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Church, under the guidance and protection of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a prayerful, Eucharistic Family, open to the Power of the Holy Spirit and conscious of our mission to use our time, talent and treasure in service to our brothers and sisters.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

Every Saturday @ 4:30 p.m.

Every Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. (Unless otherwise noted)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

First Friday Mass, Adoration & Benediction Schedule

Adoration & Benediction Following Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday & Friday 8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.

Saturday 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. Sunday 8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara
903-724-0865

Associate Pastors

Rev. Father Isaac Oviedo
903-806-5164

Rev. Father Selvan Melkhias
903-360-6925

Immaculate Conception Parish Office

209 W Lafayette St

Phone: 903-665-2869

Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: <http://www.icccjeffersonstx.org>

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Why Stewardship

*Receiving God's gifts gratefully
cultivating them responsibly,
sharing them lovingly in justice with others;
returning them with increase to the Lord.*

Your generosity and time is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Collections

Week of February 12, 2023

Total General Collection \$1,378.00
Regular Collection \$ 1,198.00
Online Collection \$ 180.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 02/16/2023

Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 38

Families served: 2 (3 People)

Thank You, God, for your ongoing generosity; so that, we can work to provide for those in need.

Remember our needy in the community, with a donation in the St. Vincent de Paul basket in the vestibule of the Church. It is a nice way of remembering our needy.

Thank you for helping others in our Community!

St Vincent de Paul Meetings

9:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Classroom

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Care

**Week of 02/20/2023 – Johnette Grubaugh
(Ash Wednesday)**

Week of 02/27/2023 – Anita Hall

If you are interested in volunteering your time for one or two weeks a year to assist with altar care and help keep your church beautiful for our parishioners and our visitors to enjoy, please let us know.

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net
or call 903-665-2869

**February 19th Responsorial
Psalm 103:8a**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**February 26th Responsorial
Psalm 51:3a**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Upcoming Special Collections

February 5, 2023—Fund for Those in Need

**February 22, 2023—Collection for Aid to
the Church in Central/Eastern Europe**

**February 26, 2023—Collection for Black and
Indian Missions**

Lay Ministry Schedule February/March 2023

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Roger Opiela

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Susan Wise

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Irene Webster

Saturday, March 4, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Kathy Warner

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Kat Bellini

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or Cantor please let us know.

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or call 903-665-2869

Safe Environment

When you have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect of a minor or vulnerable adult, you must report:

1. To the DFPS Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org.
2. To local law enforcement or 911 if you believe someone is in immediate danger.
3. To the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org if the report involves Church personnel.

In addition to abuse, you must report any suspected criminal behavior by Church personnel to law enforcement and the diocese.



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community.

Parishioners

Andrea Bertrand	Anna Bode Family
Rufe Brewton	Martina Cerda
Sharon Deangelo	Mary Dorgan
BeBe Dorgan	*Johnny Duckworth
Dawn Fuquay	Fred Griffin
Troy Hines	Lorraine Jolin
Darrell Lensch	Judith Lensch
Linda McCollim	Jo Miller
Wayman Moore	Amil Murray
Yvonne Thompson	Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk
The Watts Family	Ken Vrla

Family & Friends

February 2023

Cynthia Arms	Jaiden Becker
Julie Becker	Rev. Bernard Botej
*Lester Cox	Bill DeWare
Morriss Moore	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Alisha O'Hagan	Charles Owen
*Eve Pasquale	Lee Piccolo

January 2023

Jess DeWare	Macy Foster
Teresa Hensley	Michaela Onderko
Luisa Seelbach	Marsha Snider

December 2022

Matthew Clayton	Tonya Dorgan
Kathy Harper	B.W. Hayes
James Hendershot	Terri McCoy
Tabitha Moit	Brenda Morrison
Teresa Ponder	Sherry Rawls
Carol Walker	Dee Wilhite
Scarlet Rose Verzal	

Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions for February 2023

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Mass Intentions – February/March 2023

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

(Requested by Susan Wise)

Friday, February 10, 2023 – For Thanksgiving for the Watts Family

(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, February 11, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Sunday, February 12, 2023– For Genaro & Lucia Vargaz
(Requested by Lupe Balders)

Saturday, February 18, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Yeadon

(Requested by John & Collette Dockery)

Sunday, February 19, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – For Maggie Womack
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

(Requested by Jack & Pat Lucy)

Thursday, February 23, 2023 – For Josh & Amber Fike
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, February 24, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. James L. Ryan

(Requested by Yen Khang Van)

Saturday, February 25, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, February 26, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – For Ava Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Thursday, March 2, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Bob & Cookie Traylor

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, March 3, 2023 – For Kelli Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 pm– For the Repose of the Soul of Randy Webster

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Please submit your mass intentions in the envelopes provided. You may put them in the collection basket or turn them in at the office. Cards are available in the office to notify recipients and/or families. Intentions you have submitted for them and/or their loved ones.

A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

In Nathaniel Hawthorne's tale *The Birth-Mark*, the brilliant scientist Aylmer falls in love with a beautiful young woman called Georgiana. She is beautiful but has a birthmark like a small hand on her cheek. It is attuned to her emotions, becoming almost invisible when she blushes, but standing out when she is pale. Other lovers have thought this a sign of beauty, telling her that a magical fairy must have touched her cheek, but Aylmer sees it as a blemish, an imperfection that challenges his scientific skills. He becomes unable to appreciate his wife's beauty clearly as he becomes obsessed with what he sees as her imperfection. He urges her to let him remove the mark.

Georgiana realizes that Aylmer is disturbed by her blemish. He cannot see beyond the blemish to the beauty that is within her. She is deeply hurt but, out of love for him, agrees to submit to whatever experiment he devises to render her beautiful again in his eyes. She drinks a chemical potion destined to remove the birthmark but finds that the mark is linked to her life. As the mark disappears, her life drains from her. Aylmer has achieved his idealistic dream of a perfect wife, but in the process he has destroyed what he failed to love and accept.

In the Gospel of Matthew we find Jesus saying "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." How could we ever hope to reach such state of perfection in this life and not be destroyed in the attempt? Luke's Gospel makes a crucial change in the wording. We are told by Jesus to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. That in itself is a tall enough order, but it avoids the tyranny of that word "perfection." There must be a key in understanding this challenge. The key lies in the promise of God's grace and in the very fact of the incarnation. God does not demand the impossible of us. His becoming human transforms our human nature from within, making it possible for us to be holy because Jesus himself is our holiness and our healing. When we make space for him in our lives and try our best to follow his teaching, his grace comes alive within us.

Christian life is never about trying to achieve some impossible state of perfection. It is always about intimacy with God. This means allowing God to become a familiar part of our lives. Most of us are only too conscious of our own sins and imperfections, and even more conscious of those of others. Being harsh and judgmental with ourselves or with others is never the answer, and when we hear that note in our own voice or that of others, we know it is not from God.

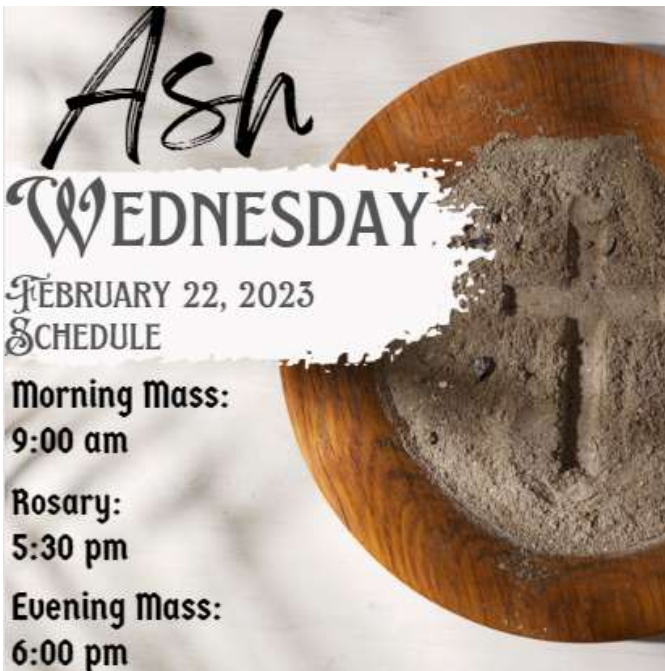
God's compassion is infinite, as is God's grace, and no one is more willing to help us than God. Whatever temptations and difficulties we face, whatever defects of character we may think we have, God looks on us and finds us very good. God has faith in us, loves us and has hopes for us. It is that faith, hope and love that give us the strength we need to face each day with its challenges, knowing that God's grace is perfection enough for each one of us from our birth to our dying day. Addicts in recovery often encourage themselves with sayings such as "one day at a time". If we can take up this attitude and spend a little time with God each day, reviewing the choices we have made and seeing where we have been present to or absent from God's loving presence on our lives, we will begin to see where the path to goodness lies for us, and will find the grace to respond.

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder
Kendall Benton	Aubrey Sperier Arenavas
Gabriel Cantu	Dillon Corpier
Drew Downey	Winston J Jones
Bo Dylan Jordan	Matthew Kopecky
Robert Miller	Dominick Pondant
Kyrie Lay Redd	Desire Robertson
Salvador Sanchez Jr	Haley Sellers
Perry Staten	James Trachier
Joseph Trachier	Brent Westbrook
Joseph Woods	Heath Zeigler

Community Happenings. . .



Ash
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2023
SCHEDULE
Morning Mass:
9:00 am
Rosary:
5:30 pm
Evening Mass:
6:00 pm

FINANCE COUNCIL

Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

March 3, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

Followed by Adoration and Benediction
Confession available during Adoration

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

March 4, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

Ladies Altar Society

Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Hall

Easter Lillies

The Ladies Altar Society will be collecting donations for Easter flowers after mass during Lent.

If you would like to give in memory or honor of a loved one please use the envelopes provided.

You can drop them in the collection basket or by the office.



Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Following Rosary at 6:00pm

Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2022

in the Parish Hall

@6:00 pm.

I Can, You Can, We Can

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FOR LENT

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



The "rice bowls" are available at the entrance of the church. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with our global family in need. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthy lives and reach their God-given potential!



The Peaceful Prayer & Fasting Campaign
To Stop Abortion & the Abortion Pill

February 22 through April 2, 2023



Sign up for vigil hours online at
40daysforlife.com/tyler

Vigil Location: Across from Planned Parenthood,
601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler



GUTD SUBSCRIPTION

Dear Parishioners,
It's that time again! **Subscription ends 05/20/2023.** Any donations toward the cost of renewal are greatly appreciated.

Here are the options for donations:

Yearly Subscription	\$ 1,708.20
6 Months Subscription	\$ 854.10
3 Months Subscription	\$ 427.05
1 Month Subscription	\$ 142.35

We will continue to post Donors names on each booklet, if you wish to donate in **Memory/Honor** of someone.

If you wish to make a donation please fill out the form. You can drop it off in the collection basket or at the office.

We currently have **\$687.35 toward the \$1,708.20** we need to renew our subscriptions.

Any donation amount of your choice will be appreciated!

(Let us continue to pray for our Donors as a token of our gratitude for their kind generosity.)

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email: gabrielprojecteasttexas@gmail.com
visit: www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.org

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

zone

For your safety, please do not enter the fenced area around the new building. If you would like a tour, please call the office so we can schedule a time for you.

Msgr. Zach & Staff



LENT

- A SEASON OF PREPARATION -

LENT SERVICES

Friday, February 24th

Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

Friday, March 10th

Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

Friday, March 24th

Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Men's Club

First Friday, March 3rd

Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
Followed by Adoration & Benediction
Confession during Adoration
Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Hispanic Ladies

Friday, March 17th

Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Ladies Altar Society

Friday, March 31st

Rosary @ 4:30 p.m.
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 p.m.
Dinner with the Ladies Altar Society

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 2nd

Mass @ 9:00 am

Holy Thursday April 6th

Mass @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday April 7th

Services begin @ 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 8th

Services begin @ 8:30 pm